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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/731,247	Applicant(s) OHTSUKI ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) John T. Haran (Reg. No. 58,010). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 22.


Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

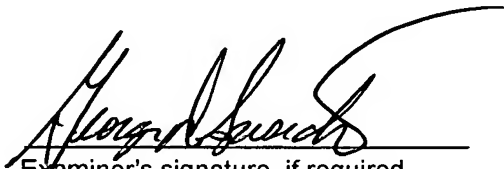
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant and Examiner discussed the 112.1 and 112.2 rejections from the Final Office Action mailed April 4, 2007. Applicant explained that the element (filter structure near 902) Examiner contends to be in the hollow portion of the intermediate housing is actually outside the hollow portion of the intermediate housing. Examiner stated that a further review of the language (amended) and the figures would be necessary. Applicant pointed to page 23 of the specification to state that "no other transmission elements (only transmission shafts) are in the intermediate housing" as evidence that there is no new matter, and Examiner pointed out that "no other transmission elements" is different than "only transmission shafts" which would exclude filter structure also. Proposed language to overcome the 112.2 rejections was discussed. Any amendment should cancel withdrawn claims 7-13.